



ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Many thanks to Kaori Ohashi, our District Learning Support Teacher, for speaking at the November PAC meeting. Kaori discussed the importance of setting up an area and time for homework and how to help your children with time management so they have time for both homework and play. Setting realistic expectations and helping your children develop good work habits and a positive attitude toward learning is essential for success. She also discussed how parents can work with teachers to identify areas of strengths and needs, and what steps to take if your child is struggling. Kaori's handouts will be available shortly on the school website.

The next PAC meeting is from 7-9pm on Wednesday, January 16. If you have ideas for guest speakers in the New Year, please email chair@seaforthpac.net.

Volunteers needed!

We are in desperate need of volunteers for the following:

Hot Lunch – Historically we have had an excess of volunteers for Hot Lunch Tuesdays, but for some reason this year we don't have nearly enough parents to help deliver lunches. If you can be at the school from 11:50 to 12:10 on Tuesdays, please email rvallani@shaw.ca. Even if you can only help out once in a blue moon, we'd love to have you!

Cone Removers – We need people to remove the cones from the pick-up / drop-off zone at 3pm every day, so that the crosswalk supervisors can focus on the kids and not worry about traffic. If you can help remove cones, please email rexieyuen@gmail.com.

Traffic Supervision – If you can monitor traffic flow from 8:45 to 9:05 in the mornings or 2:50 to 3:15 in the afternoons, please email rexieyuen@gmail.com.

Family Social – We need people to help organize this year's family social / silent auction. If you're interested in helping to organize this event, which will be held sometime in the spring, please email chair@seaforthpac.net.

Family Photo Night

This year we raised \$900 for the school with Family Photo Night. Thank you to all the families who participated. This event is so popular that we had a wait list this year and were not able to accommodate everyone. Next year we'll be sure to arrange an extra night! Sincere thanks to Siva Ramesh for coordinating Family Photo Night and to her small army of volunteers. Your time is always appreciated!

Pub Night

Seaforth's pub night was a great success! We sold 78 tickets and pretty much filled up the Hop & Vine pub. With ticket sales, raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets and a toonie toss we raised \$1,700 for the PAC! Many thanks to our Pub Night Committee Members – Annie Hobson, Teri Lam, Sandra Mankoo, Sharon Sami, Phyllis Tong and Hark Sandhu – for organizing a very fun evening. Thanks to Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants, Fraser Downs Race Track and Casino, and Grandview Golf Course for their raffle donations,

and to Annie and Darryl Hobson and Phyllis and Ben Tong for their toonie toss donations. And thanks to Paul Schmidt, our 50/50 winner, for donating his \$262.50 winnings back to the PAC!

Traffic Safety

Seaforth's new Traffic Safety Committee has already had a major impact on traffic safety at the school. Many thanks to Sophia Yuen, Andrea Howes and Meera Sriragu for their hard work during October. At the PAC meeting Sophia asked for additional volunteers and MaryAnn Giardini and Hark Sandhu have stepped forward – thank you! If anybody else is able to help out, please email rexieyuen@gmail.com.

Hot Lunch

Many thanks to all parents who participated in our first term hot lunch program (September to December). Orders for the January to March term will go out shortly. You must make your selections and place your orders before the deadline (info included with order forms). We will not extend the ordering deadline or accept late orders. All orders are placed using our new online ordering system.

Safe School Committee

We are hoping to bring a number of speakers to the school this year to speak with the students about respect, kindness and what to do if they are being bullied or observe bullying taking place. We will provide more information once the speaker dates are confirmed. We are also adding a page to the PAC website at www.seaforthpac.net that will include links for parents about how to keep our children safe online, at school, etc. Check back often for updates and if you come across any interesting links or documents that you'd like to share, please email them to chair@seaforthpac.net.

We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please do not hesitate to call me at 604-219-2824 or send a note to chair@seaforthpac.net.

Yours truly,
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